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1.(U) This message provides guidance for the U.S. delegation to the Australia Group's informal intersessional meeting in London on April 6-7, 2009.

----- OBJECTIVES -----

12. (C) Principal U.S. objectives for the informal intersessional meeting are: -- Ensure that AG participants do not reopen the implementation

----- CHEMICAL CONTROL LISTS -----

13. (SBU) During the informal intersessional meeting, the Del: -- Should encourage robust discussion of the UK's proposal to add a footnote to

----- SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES -----

14. (SBU) The Del should make a presentation on efforts by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to reach out to the U.S. gene synthesis industry

----- ANY OTHER BUSINESS -----

15. (SBU) The Del should emphasize that the AG's decision to conduct a systematic review of its control lists is an opportunity for AG participants

16. (SBU) The Del should also encourage AG participants to consider making presentations during the information exchange meeting at this year's

17. (C) If AG participants raise the issue of Vils Mirazayonov's book "State Secrets: An Insider's View of the Russian Chemical Weapons Program